

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

NA-Cache Rich Range

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: NA-Cache Rich Range		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Wildlife – Will the practices installed facilitate improvement in the habitat for sensitive, threatened, or endangered species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Weeds - Will the practices installed control all invasive species present on the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Water Quality – Will practices be installed to improve the identified TMDL impairment adjacent to and/or located less than 1320 feet from a TMDL identified water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Grazing Lands - Will the practices installed result in the implementation of a prescribed grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Pollinator Habitat – Will this application include development of food, cover, and/or nest sites for native pollinators in accordance with Utah Technical Guide Notice UT238?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other Local level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Integrated Pest Management (Answer YES to only one of the following 2-3.)	
2. Will this application implement an advanced IPM (595) plan to control local/county/state invasive/noxious pests and weeds? (plan must include maintaining records for scouting, alternative treatment methods, timing of application, least hazardous chemical use, etc.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will this application implement a basic IPM (595) plan to control local/county/state invasive/noxious pests and weeds? (limited scouting, timing of application & following label required)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Brush Management, Fire Prevention, and Water Distribution(Answer YES to only one of the following 4-5.)	
4. Will brush management (314) practices be installed for the specific control of Pinyon Juniper species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the application include the means to reduce the spread of wildfire (examples: seeding buffers of forage kochia or perennial grasses along key roadways, management practices to reduce the impacts of cheatgrass, removal of junipers)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does this application help to restore any lands that have been burned by wildfire in the past 3 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will watering facility (614) practices be installed to address water supply distribution in areas previously under utilized?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Grazing Plan (Answer yes to only one of the following 8-9)	
8. Will the cooperator implement a Standard Range Grazing Plan? (plan must include photo points and	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

stubble height after grazing with record keeping)	
9. Will the cooperator implement a Long Term Monitoring Grazing Plan? (plan must include records pertaining to trend, composition, and production)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will salt blocks and other supplements be rotated within the pasture and placed away from watering facilities and/or riparian areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will livestock be fenced away from and/or will watering facilities/feeding areas be located away from any water body to lessen impacts of high concentration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Rangeland Health (Answer Yes to only one of the following 12-16.)	
12. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP between 1 to 3?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, between 4 to 6?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, between 7 to 9?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, between 10 to 12?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, greater than 12?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Benefits	
17. Will structural and management practices installed positively affect 2 or more targeted habitat types?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Is the project within or adjacent to a Big Game Wintering Range or Sage Grouse Wintering Habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Will the cooperator develop a wildlife monitoring plan (644 or 645)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Contract Compliance (if applicable)	
20. Has the applicant had a Farm Bill Contract terminated for non-compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
21. Does the applicant have an active Farm Bill contract that is currently not on schedule, in non-compliance or practices in arrears?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: